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**SUMMONS**

In the Justice Court of Lomita Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

L. J. HUNTER, Justice.  
 I. G. Anderson, plaintiff, vs. G. E. Townsend, defendant.

The people of the State of California send greetings to:

G. E. Townsend, defendant. You are hereby directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the Justice Court of Lomita Township, Los Angeles County, State of California, and to answer before the

**Seeing the Yosemite**

By R. GILHOUSEN.

After five days of feasting the eye on the incomparable beauties of this earthly paradise, one realizes how futile it would be to attempt its description or portray its wondrous beauty. Words can convey to the reader only a faint conception of its awe-inspiring grandeur. If there are in all this world scenes that are sublime, they are here.

Leaving Fresno, we soon enter the foothills and for one hundred miles the road grows steeper and rougher, until one wonders whether there will be anything to see that will repay him for such an endurance ride, then try to imagine dropping all at once into a gorge that has by some mighty force of Nature, been countersunk 4000 feet in the solid granite. A valley eight miles long, with an average width of one mile, with all the varied scenery that Nature affords, to give it beauty. Truly a masterpiece of the Great Architect. The floor of the valley is level except near the cliffs, where huge blocks of granite have dropped from above and are piled in fantastic heaps, and even here Nature has worked its miracles in beautifying these waste places with glossy oaks, green mosses and here and there a pine and fir tree. The valley is interspersed with green meadows, deep forests of pine, fir oaks and cedars, with the crystal winding Merced river murmuring over its pebbly bed, losing itself for a time in Mirror Lake, whose glassy surface reflects forest, mountain and sky, bringing to mind the words of the poet, Simpson: "From thy glassy depths inverted, Swings a picture of the sky; Like those radiant hopes Adain.

Dimly in our dreams that lie, Clouded often, drowned in turmoil, Faint and lovely, far away, Wreathing sunshine on the morrow, Breathing fragrance round today; Love would wander here and ponder Hither poetry would dream; Life's old questions, sad suggestions, Whence and whither, guard thy stream.

Yosemite National Park contains 1100 square miles, of which this valley is but a small fraction. There are six hundred miles of trails and one hundred, thirty-five miles of roads. Last year our government appropriated \$300,000 for the maintenance of the park. 17,000 autos will have entered the park this season. They come in ever-increasing numbers. Last year 93,000 people visited the park, and this year it will reach 100,000 or more. Imagine what it will be when the State doubles and trebles the population, and there are one or more macadamized roads leading in.

The satisfaction of it is, that it is yours and mine. You can bring your camping outfit and enjoy its restful grandeur to the full. Stay as long as you wish, and pay not a penny to a profiteering corporation.

The valley and park contain features of beauty that are found nowhere else in the world. Here are the highest waterfalls, 2600 feet, and the only granite dome formation. Yesterday we took a climb of two miles and ascended to Glacier Point, from which one gets the finest view to be found in the park. Here is overhanging rock, from which you can look down 3252 feet on Camp Curry. Facing eastward a vast panorama of some 500 square miles stretches away to the horizon. Snow-clad mountain peaks from ten to thirteen thousand feet high, vast forests, streams, lakes, domes and waterfalls of unsurpassed beauty, make a scene so fascinating that with great reluctance we turn to take the homeward trail.

At Camp Curry, a high-class free entertainment is given every evening, closing with the fire-ball. The lights are turned off and in the darkness you look almost perpendicular in the heavens 3250 feet up, and see what at first looks like a star, then a stream of fire flowing from the sky, making a most beautiful and awe-inspiring scene. There are many things it would be interesting to note if space permitted.

I will close by saying to all who contemplate a trip to Yosemite, that you will be well repaid for your efforts.

**American Money Makes Tourist Wealthy in Germany**

Says Hugo Schmidt

Dear Friends:  
 Arrived home a week ago yesterday. Found my people all well and were welcomed by quite a number of our old home town people also. The place looks about the same as it did 16 years ago. There are about 600 inhabitants, mostly farmers. They live well, get good prices for their crops, but work long hours. For Americans it is easy to live here at present; we can live for almost nothing. Food and clothing is very cheap in American money. The first night we stayed in Germany we got two rooms at a hotel in Leipzig, two beds in each room, in the morning rolls and coffee. The whole bill for 4 of us amounted to \$40 Marks (\$1.15). A glass of good beer costs 8 Marks, or a little over 1 cent; a good cigar the same price. You can get a good meal for 15c. I bought the goods for 2 good suits for \$3.50 each. Railroad fare is cheap, also.

For German people it is different, everything is too high, as the wages don't go up with the cost of living.

Work is plentiful and no unemployment to speak of. They have the 8-hour day all over Germany except on the farms.

I live right here in the center of Saxony's thickly settled industrial district—there are factories all over—some of them work in two shifts.

There is much suffering among old people that lived easy on the interest of their money before the war. Their earnings haven't gone up with the cost of living and now they have to go to work to keep from starving.

Tomorrow we go to Leipzig to meet a number of Americans and start on a trip to different parts of Germany.

Will write more of my experiences later.

Sincerely yours, HUGO.  
 P. S. Received Lomita News Letter every week—always anxious to hear from home.

Justice at his office at Lomita, California in said Township, the complaint filed therein, within five days (Exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this Summons, if served within the Township in which this action is brought; or, if served out of said Township, but within said County, within ten days, or within twenty days if served elsewhere. And you are hereby notified that unless you so appear and answer said complaint, as above required, said plaintiff, will cause your default to be entered and take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for relief demanded in the complaint, together with the costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 4th day of January, 1922.

L. J. HUNTER,  
 Justice of the Peace of Lomita Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Pub. Aug. 11-97.

There is going to be an old man dependent on you some day. He is not your father, nor your wife's father, nor an uncle, nor an elder brother, but **you yourself**. What are you laying by for his happiness, comfort and sustenance during the sunset days of life? The time to make provision for him is **now** while you are young and strong and prosperous. Later on it may be too late.



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